



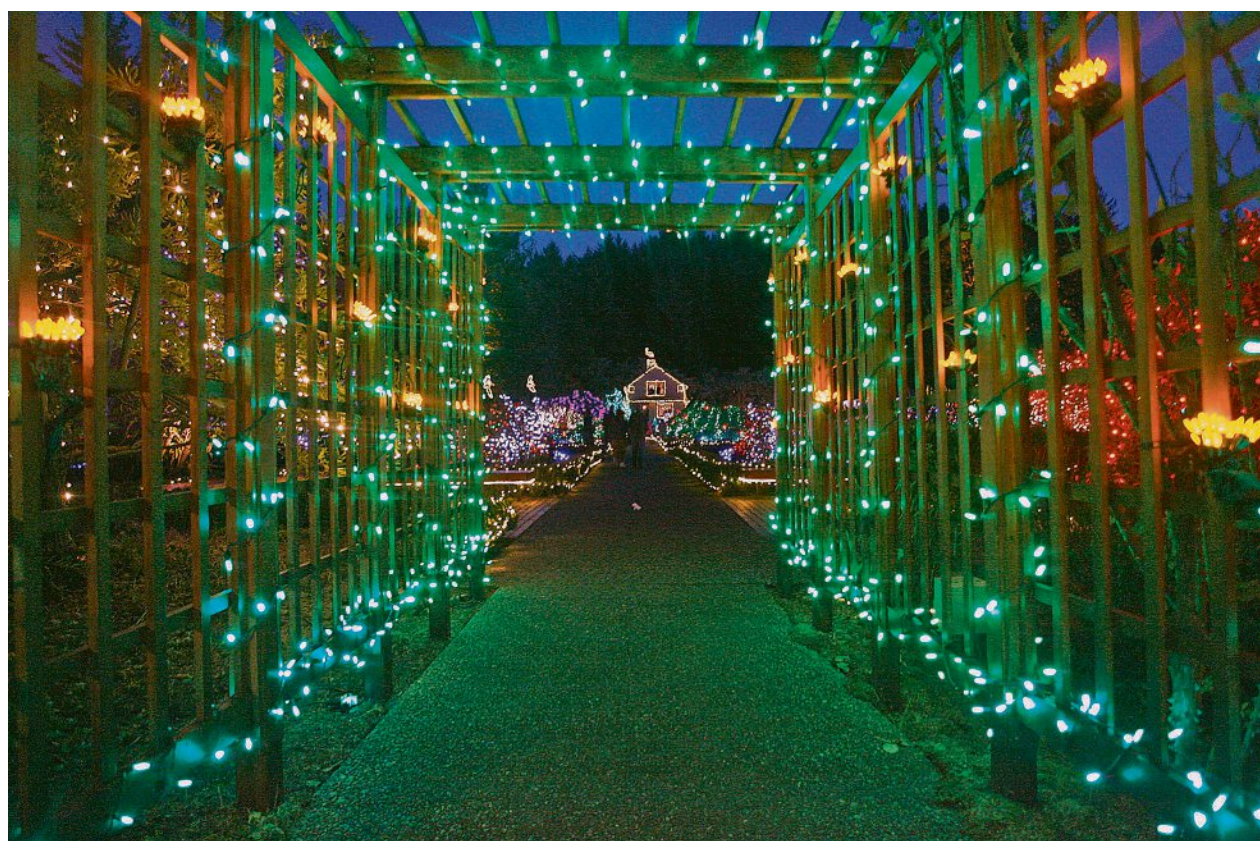
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Shore Acres State Park is a destination for its annual lights display. PHOTOS BY ZACH URNESS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Tickets to Shore Acres 2025 holiday lights go on sale

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Shore Acres State Park is now offering reservations to its 2025 holiday lights display near Coos Bay. • Each year, Shore Acres State Park creates a seasonal display of thousands of shimmering lights and festive decorations that can be viewed from Nov. 27 - Dec. 31. • For more than 30 years, the display has attracted thousands of people who come to see it, often causing long wait times. • The park has been offering visitors the chance to reserve their parking spots since 2022. • “The event had become so popular in previous years that vehicles were waiting hours on the road, and traffic was backing up the highway. Vehicles are no longer waiting in long lines on the road to enter the event,” said park manager Lee Ricci.

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A lights display at Shore Acres State Park makes it popular during the holiday season.

Oregonians receive SNAP benefits after court order

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Oregon recipients of federal food assistance should be able to access their full benefits as of Nov. 7.

Gov. Tina Kotek said in a news release the Oregon Department of Human Services worked through the night to issue the full November benefits by the morning of Nov. 7, following a federal court order that the Trump administration release 100% of the funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

About 757,000 Oregonians receive SNAP benefits. Rhode Island federal Judge John McConnell on Nov. 6 ordered the administration to make full payments of November SNAP benefits to the states within a day. The order came after Oregon joined 21 other states in suing the federal government for the release of the funds.

The funds have been withheld as the government shutdown continues. This is the first time in history that SNAP funds have been delayed, including during previous shutdowns.

“The Trump Administration’s decision to withhold food assistance from families in need was cruel and unlawful,” Kotek said in the release. “Oregonians shouldn’t have to wait for a court order to get the help they qualify for and need. I’m grateful to the federal courts for upholding the law and to our state teams who worked through the night to make sure every Oregon family relying on SNAP could buy groceries today and through the weekend.”

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Videos bring new scrutiny to ICE

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Videos of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arresting a U.S. citizen in Los Angeles while his toddler sat inside a car, and footage of a female teacher being yanked out of a Chicago day care have triggered new questions about aggressive federal immigration enforcement.

In Los Angeles, videos recorded by civil rights advocates on Nov. 4 show the ICE agents wrestling the man into custody, then driving away in his small Chevrolet sedan, the child in the back seat, as bystanders screamed angrily. In the Nov. 5 Chicago incident, ICE agents detained a woman in front of stunned parents and children.

“People are seeing exactly what our federal government is doing,” said Chicago Alderman Matt Martin, who represents the neighborhood with the day care. “When you’re watching these videos (people should be asking), ‘How is this making my community safer?’”

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